

cause some of them may have moved and left. They didn't know addresses. Some period of time had elapsed, at least. So that cash fund that had been built up was just used for the operation, plus the fees they were collecting during this interim period. That is off the top of my head.

SENATOR LAMB: My only point is that this...at the time that this Board was first created I was....

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly, Senator Merz has brought it to my attention that we're under Call.

SENATOR LAMB: I believe I'll just support the bill and forget about it.

CLERK: Mr. President, motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Read R. Lewis amendment found on page 1038 of the Journal.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President, of course, when I prepared this amendment it was before the amendment...that I was aware of the amendment that you just adopted. In irrigation systems, my own experience with them at any rate has been that I hire an electrician to wire the pumps, the control panels, and the whole bit. The inspection is simply that. It is just to call and be sure that everything is wired right. There is actually nothing involved except the visit. Since the operator is paying all the costs he has already paid for an installation, he's paid for the wiring, he's paid for everything but for this man to come and stamp his okay on it. For that reason I would like to have this amendment adopted to 833.

PRESIDENT: Senator Shirley Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the cost involved is more than this dollar figure, for this Board. When you are having to travel far distances in some areas of our state the cost doesn't just happen. I do not feel that all the taxpayers of Nebraska should be helping to subsidize this Board. I feel the persons who are receiving the services should be more nearly covering the cost of those services. We did go into quite some detail, Senator Lewis, about this dollar figure when we were hearing this bill. So I would strongly oppose this proposed amendment to LB 833. The purpose of bringing it in was to raise this dollar figure. This would be defeating the use of this bill.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: May I respond to that, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Senator Marsh, if we're going to charge the operator for a service that is one thing, or if we're going to charge him for something that is of no particular benefit to him, how do I explain to these people what this charge is for? It provides no service whatsoever to that particular operator, or to his operation.

SENATOR MARSH: Is it mandatory? Is it requested?